



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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KITANNING PA 16201



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Worship 10:00 AM **Sunday School** Children-9:00-9:45 AM
Youth- 8:30-9:30 AM

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Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday **10:00AM-?**

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Worship 11:15 AM Email: fordmemorialchurch@gmail.com

Union Avenue United Methodist Church-421 Union Ave, Kittanning PA 16201

724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Please have your articles on time. Thank you

Memorial Day and the Mission of Christ:

Honoring Sacrifice Through the Lens of Faith

Memorial Day stands as a solemn occasion in which we honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. As Christians, this day provides an opportunity to reflect on how the values of courage, sacrifice, and love at the heart of Memorial Day resonate deeply with the mission of Christ. Through the lens of faith, honoring those who gave their lives for others becomes not only a civic duty but also a spiritual act that aligns with the teachings and example of Jesus.



Memorial Day is more than a day of remembrance; it is also a day of gratitude. As Christians, gratitude is an essential part of our faith journey. The Bible encourages us to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). On this day, we give thanks not only for the freedoms we enjoy but also for the individuals who made those freedoms possible.

Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the hope we have in Christ. While the loss of life in service is a profound sorrow, the Christian faith assures us that death is not the end. Jesus’ resurrection offers the promise of eternal life, and this hope extends to all who believe in Him. On Memorial Day, we can find solace in the assurance that those who sacrificed their lives are held in God’s eternal care.

As we reflect on Memorial Day through the lens of faith, we are reminded that the best way to honor the fallen is by living out the mission of Christ. This means embodying the values of love, sacrifice, service, reconciliation, and gratitude in our own lives. It means striving to be peacemakers, as Christ called us to be (Matthew 5:9), and working towards a world where such sacrifices are no longer necessary.

In practical terms, this can involve acts of kindness, support for veterans and their families, and advocacy for peace and justice. It can also mean taking time to share the Gospel message, which offers the ultimate hope and reconciliation found in Christ. By doing so, we not only honor the memory of those who served but also advance the kingdom of God.

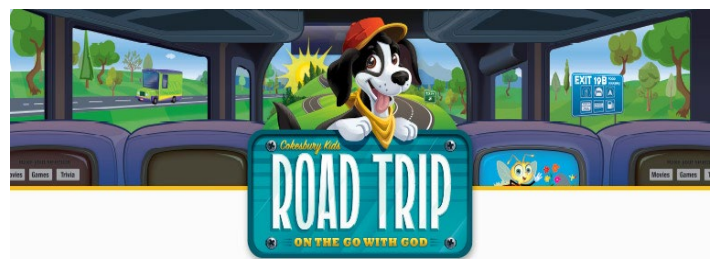
Memorial Day is a sacred occasion that resonates deeply with the Christian mission. It is a day to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives, to reflect on the values they embodied, and to recommit ourselves to the path of Christ. Just as Jesus laid down His life for the redemption of humanity, the sacrifices of our military men and women remind us of the power of love and selflessness.

As we observe Memorial Day, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude and faith. May it inspire us to live lives that honor both their sacrifice and the mission of Christ, carrying forward a legacy of love, service, and hope for generations to come.

Pastor T

VBS 2025

See you at VBS (June 23-27) 9:00-noon



JUNE LECTIONARY READING

June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Acts 16:16-34, Psalms 97,
Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21,
John 17:20-26

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21, Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17



June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

Peace With Justice Sunday, Father's Day

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalms 8,
Romans 5:1-5, John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 22, 2025

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalms 42,
Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 29, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20,
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

COUNTERS

1 Melissa Bureau
8 Melissa Bureau
15 Tim Scaife
22 Tim Scaife
29 Tim Scaife



USHERS

1 Oxford
8 Asbury
15 Asbury
22 Epworth
29 Epworth



ACOLYTES

1 Hallie Hoffman
8 Caden King
15 Caitlyn Kachur
22 VBS
29 VBS



LIVE STREAM

1 Sue Hankey
8 Steph Hankey
15 Ray Johnson
22 Brenda Beers
29 Sue Hankey



BELL RINGERS

1 Jocelyn King
8 Chris Hankey
15 Emersyn McGregor
22 Eliana McGregor
29 Jocelyn King



WELCOME CENTER

1 Sarah Heckert
8 Melissa Bureau
15 Marybeth Dean
22 Carolyn Hancock
29 Cindy Volek



SCRIPTURE READER

1 Carolyn Hancock
8 Brenda Beers
15 Sue Hankey
22 Dan Wolfe
29 Sarah Heckert



SOUND SYSTEM

1 Tim King
8 Jeff Hankey
15 Chelsea Beers
22 Carlee Beers
29 Tim King



2025 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

In the past month (through May 15th) we received **4,728** cans for our 2025 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2024 is **41,900** cans. Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans. Our collection for VBS 2025 continues-so-KEEP THEM COMING! **Drop your** pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer **cans on the church ramp or for a quick drop off use the wooden container by the garage. Thank you,**

Melissa Bureau





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Katie Fox
 1 Caitlyn Kachur
 4 Cory Weibel
 10 Rose Walter
 13 Lila Green
 14 Ryatt Green- 1 year

16 Ron Wells
 18 June Pollard-100 years
 21 Jud Toth
 23 Dan Wolfe
 24 Audrey Green
 28 Valerie Kachur



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

3 Brian & Natalie Baker-1 year
 6 Herb & Pam Coggon-61 years
 10 Joe & Sarah Heckert-58 years
 14 Matthew & Valerie Kachur-22 years
 26 Brad & Emily Volek-15 years
 28 Dan & Carol Wolfe-45 years

YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to celebrate June Pollard's 100th birthday! Join us for an open house on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 PM at 187 Indian Hills Rd, Kittanning. We simply wish for your company, no gifts are necessary. Cards are also welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Amanda and Colton Podvorec on the birth of their son, Bennett Colton Podvorc born on November 21, 2023 and their daughter Reagan Nola Podvorec born April 22, 2025. Bennett and Reagan are the grandchildren of Mandy Podvorec and the late Rogert Podvorec.

COVENANT CENTER ART SHOW 2025

Important dates to remember

Thursday, July 17th-applications due

Sunday, July 27th- bring in 11:30-1:30 PM and hang 1:30 PM

Wednesday, July 30th-meet and greet 6:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, July 31st-festival and show opens

Sunday, August 3rd-show over. Take down Art 5:00-6:00 PM

Applications available in the church office or website <https://firstchurchkittanning.com>.

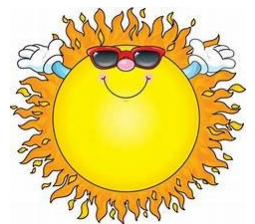
Two new awards will be available "Best In Animals" and "Best in Armstrong County History"

Melissa Bureau



BOOTH WORKERS AND ART SHOW SITTERS

Schedules will be available July 1st for anyone whom would like to sign up.



JUNE MISSIONS

Our June mission is Blessings In a Backpack. This group provides weekend food for students in all of our Armstrong School District schools who may have little or no food when at home. For the upcoming school year, they anticipate helping approximately 285 students with the average cost being \$105-\$125 per student for the year. VBS offering will also go to Blessings In a Backpack.



	<h1 style="text-align: center;">VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025</h1> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Allegheny River Charge – First United Methodist Church</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Week of June 23-27 9:00-noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><small>Dismissal info- church use only</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>church use only</small></p>
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Registration is Recommended by JUNE 8. Complete the form below and return to FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in person, or email to fumchurchkittanning@comcast.net OR go to the church website and register online <https://firstchurchkittanning.com/vbs>

Child Information (one per form please)

<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____ Home Church _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>PARENT(S) _____</p> <p>In case of Emergency, contact _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone _____</p> <p>Any allergies? _____</p>	<p>Age *</p> <p>*3 years by Jan 1, 2025</p> <hr/> <p>Birthdate</p> <hr/> <p>Grade Completed</p> <hr/> <p>If Pre-School age, will this child begin Kindergarten this year? ___ Yes ___ No</p>
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To streamline dismissal at noon, provide greater security and reduce traffic at the doorways, can you please list the names of all other children that this one will be leaving with (i.e. brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors that are also attending VBS and leaving our church together)

Do you prefer to enter the sanctuary to pick up your child or do you prefer to stay in your car and your child to be escorted to your car at noon? (you will be given a pickup tag the first morning of VBS)

___ *Parent (or other adult) to enter sanctuary and pick up child*

___ *Parent (or other adult) to remain in car and child to be escorted out to car*

"Like" us on Facebook to see pictures of the fun during the week!

PLEASE COME, LEARN, HAVE FUN AND INVITE A FRIEND!

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FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

Dear FUMC Family Members,

The Trustees are presently preparing the parsonage as a rental property for traveling medical professionals and other business professionals. To provide a comfortable and welcoming environment, we are asking for donations of gently used furniture or soft goods. Or if you prefer to give cash donations for the purchase of items, all would be greatly appreciated. Our objective is to offer a tastefully furnished residence for individuals who are temporarily relocating for job-related purposes. We have identified the following items as essential for furnishing the residence. If you are willing to donate any of these items from your attics, basements, or garages, please contact Kimberley Johnosn to coordinate the details. Kim can be contacted at Kimmerk0926@gmail.com or 661-494-2047.

KITCHEN ITEMS:

Pots & Pans for cooking/baking

Utensils & Silverware (ladles, pancake/cookie turners)

Coffeemaker

Small appliances (toaster, air fryer, blender, microwave, etc.)

Starter supplies (paper towels, hand towels, trash bags, dish soap, scrub brushes, etc.)

LIVING ROOM

2 chairs

Coffee Table

Smart TV

High-speed WIFI

Rug

Pillows/décor

Throw blankets

4 BEDROOMS

Bed Frames headboard (ideally full/queen if possible)

8 Full/Queen sets of sheets (preferably white)

3 Nightstands

4 Lamps

3 Dressers

4-24/32 Smart TV

8 Bed Pillows

Rugs

Full Length Mirror

Hangers

Pillow/Mattress covers

Trash Cans

2 BATHROOMS

Trash Can

Bath Towels (including an extra set) prefer white

Bathmat/rugs

Toilet plunger and brush

Hair Dryer

LAUNDRY AREA

Appliances (iron, steamer, ironing board)

Drying Rack

Laundry detergent

Dryer Sheets

CLEANING SUPPLIES (3-4 DAYS WORTH)

Dish Soap

Hand Soap

Sponges

Dishwasher Detergent

All-Purpose Cleaner

Paper Towels

Dish Towels

Trash Bags

Vacuum

Mop/Swiffer

Broom/Dustpan

WHAT WE DON'T NEED

Live plants

Speakers

Board Games

Excessive décor

Candles



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Sam Daugherty
2 Carley Lloyd
4 Dean Bryan
9 Chelsea Kostlanski
10 Robert Brocious
11 Darla Bernot
20 Erica Lloyd
22 Sheila Davis



27 Ashleigh Boarts
27 Brent Lemmon
28 Nicholas Czapor
28 Robert Kuhns
28 Tom Davis
29 Ed Burdett
29 John Czapor III

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 Tom & Sheelagh Bonomo
8 Janice & Tom Bernot
25 Bob & Dianna Brocious



UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The May 5, 2025 meeting of the UAUWinF was held at the Kittanning cottages with 9 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "Our Vision, Our Mission, and Our Local Purpose." Hostess: Peggy Say, donna Titus, Lynn Sibley and Carolyn Ingram. Devotions: Donna Titus-Reconnections. Minute Missions: Donna Shaffer-Feeding Children in Texas and Building Connections in Nevada. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. No additions or corrections. Minutes stand as read.

Old Business:

Thank you to Louella Bennett for donating her items she had left for the ER bags for the children in the ER.

Katie Petterson will still be at the Mission Barn for 2 more years.

A motion was made and passed for us to make menstrual kits for the Mission Barn for our mission for the month of May. We will make 25 kits. Donna Shaffer will get us a list of items needed.

Hope Ministries: 25 bottles of laundry detergent, 10 huge packages of toilet tissue and 4 small pkgs. Of toilet tissue were donated for our April mission.

Life Armstrong: Crafts from the church [left from the Youth Group] were donated to Life Armstrong. They were very happy to get them.

Spice Mats: No orders received. Will not sell mats.

Need nothing more for in ER bags. Donna Shaffer will make 12 more bags and deliver in June.

New Business:

Donna Shaffer is going to try to go to the Annual Meeting for the United Women in Faith on October 18, 2025 in Clarion. Anyone interested in going, please see Donna.

VBS hosed by First Church-we will use our loose coin offering to buy 8oz. bottles of water for VBS.

We still need some volunteers for Minute Missions, Devotions, and Hostess to fill out our slots for the rest of the year.

First Church will let us know when they are going to do Heifer International so we can donate also with them.

Meeting ended with the reading of the parting Prayer.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson

JUNE ANNIVERSARY

21 Jeff & Brenda Rybarik-26 years



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Fred McCollim
7 Bruce Shaffer
21 Mike Ulisky
22 Rob Shick
25 Kirk Serene



Name: _____

Date: _____

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.



June

Word Search



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BUTTERFLY
FATHER'S DAY
FIREFLY
FLIP-FLOPS
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SOLSTICE
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SUNDRESS
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SWIMMING



TANK TOP
THUNDERSTORM
VACATION
WATERMELON



